

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Midway, Texas, Sept. 6, 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, Presiding.  
Bill called.

Present, W. Johnson, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Hutton, Dunn, Madson, Miller,  
Milstone, Stark, Howell, Todd, Roberson, Pennington, Schneider, Shellev,  
Stumbo, Taylor and Townsend. 18.

Amen, Aldermen Beale, Lawless, Sims, and Gilmer et al.

On motion of Alderman Shatt, the minutes were adopted as printed,  
without reading.

Petitions, etc.

Pet. of W. D. Burleson & Geo. F. Pender. Petition of W. D. Burleson and Geo. F. Pender for permission to repair a  
tax to repair building in fire limit building within the fire limits, recommended by the fire Commissioners  
was read and on motion the same was granted.

Pet. of Mrs. V. McJ. T. Gallieket asking Petition of Mrs. V. McJ. T. Gallieket, asking reduction of assessment for  
reduction of taxes for 1896. Taxes for 1896 read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims  
and Accounts.

Pet. of G. M. Bassett to have Alley in Block No. 3 opened, read  
in Blk. 3, opened and referred to the Street Committee.

Pet. of Mrs. Ben Walker asking Petition of Mrs. Ben Walker, asking damages to cow, head and on  
damages for cow injured motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Reports of City Officers

The reports of the City Officers for the month of August 1897,  
were presented, and on motion were referred to their appropriate  
Committees without reading, except the report of the Treasurer, which  
was read. The following is a synopsis of the reports:

By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand Sept. 6, 1897 account of General Fund	\$ 3629.57
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Linen & Cloth  
Linen, Marcell.

Total amount of fines assessed in Probate Court	\$ 640.00
Bail in Case	125.50
Interest Ctr.	12.00

Appealed	\$ 10.00
Brought forward	7.64.50
Collected on back fines	" 6.10.00
Court fees	18.00
Sub Total	38.75

Rita Thompson

Number of Patients in City Hospital August 1<sup>st</sup> 1891.

*Chloris x sartoria* Sprengel var. *angustifolia*

Number of Patients in City Hospital August 1 <sup>st</sup> 1891.	16
" " " admitted to " during "	16
" " " dismissed	16
" " " died	3
" " " Remaining	3 <sup>1/2</sup>
" Visits to Patients	98
" Prescriptions to "	212
" Cases of Diphtheria	1
" " " Scarlet Fever	1

No other contagious or infectious diseases reported

Referred to Hospital Committee.

On the fifth October.

Lily Sexton

Total number of deaths during the month. 70

White	17	
Mexican	7	
Colored.	3	22
Male	11	
Female	11	22
Cremature	1	
Still Born	1	2

~~Dept. of Greeks~~

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

By the Superintendent of Streets.

sended during the month

*City Auditor*

Referred to Street Committee.  
The City Auditor presented a report, showing that he had examined the Books and records of the City Clerk and the Assessor and Collector and the reports of the Treasurer for the quarter ending August 31<sup>st</sup> and found them to be correct.

The following report of the Water and Light Commission was, on motion,  
ordered published in the minutes without reading:

Austin, Texas, Decr 2<sup>d</sup> 1897.

The Honorable City Council of the City of Austin,  
Austin Texas:

Gentlemen: Combining with Section 90, &c. I am directed to the City  
Council, now beg to submit the following, which is the answer to your  
Circular 248 1897.

Winters in Greenland - Light Caravans - Wm, 31

*W. H. G. - 1900*

Veriditas et veritas et vita, et uita ueritatis, et ueritas ueritatis.

## Water Light Commission

have been cut off for non-payment, and the service not yet reinstated.  
Number of arc lamps now in use by private consumers, 47.

" " Water Consumers May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2209

" " " " August 31<sup>st</sup> 2152

Decrease

57

which is caused by delinquents having been cut off and the accounts remain unpaid.

Number of arc lamps on the streets for public use 191

Number of horse-power furnished on tri-phase circuit May 31<sup>st</sup> as per last report 1532

Number of Horse-power furnished to August 31<sup>st</sup>

1166

1½ Horse-power.

The Pump register for the quarter shows as follows:

June	
Total number of gallons pumped	134,675,085
Average per day	4,489,169
Maximum "	6,096,915
Minimum "	3,000,005

July	
Total number of gallons pumped	169,846,450
Average per day	5,478,853
Maximum "	6,841,695
Minimum "	2,956,435

August	
Total number of gallons pumped	147,939,885
Average per day	4,610,964
Maximum "	5,745,630
Minimum "	2,517,175

There has been received from the General Electric Company one 250 H.P. three phase generator for power work, and another of the same kind is now in transit, which, when received will complete the contract entered into with the General Electric Company on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The 1200 horse-power wheel ordered from Oliver'Brien & Smith Vails Co., of Dayton, Ohio, has also been received and is now being placed in position at the Power house.

The new Pumping station and filtering ditch have been completed and accepted by the Commission, and the same connected by 30 and 48 inch mains with the entire system.

Owing to the burning out of a number of old transformers, it has been necessary to purchase from the General Electric Company twenty three new ones at a cost of \$1331.70, about one-fourth of which have been received and the balance are now in transit.

We have put in and have in operation a new eighty light One machine at a cost of \$1500.00

Negotiations are being made for a ten ton Kow-Know-Ling crane to be built in New Haven, Conn. which, it is understood, will cost about \$2000.00

One 150 amp. generator is being built, costing about \$2,000.00 to be delivered in November.

## Water &amp; Light Commission

The station at the Dam has been piped for fire protection, and six outlets, each with 20 feet of hose, have been placed in position, giving a pressure of 120 lbs all over the building.

Forty-seven miles of power wires, at an expense of \$2900.00 have been run, making it possible to govern the incandescent circuits without any variation in brilliancy.

The total amount due from the City to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1897, for Water & Light is as follows:

For Water	\$ 15,137.50
" Light	<u>10,815.00</u>
Total	\$ 25,952.50

and the attention of the Council is asked to the same.

The bid of C. A. Reynolds & Company has been accepted for the construction of another filtering ditch 180 feet long, immediately south of the one already constructed. The same will be ready for use by the time the new pump is set up.

The bid of Henry C. Worthington of Brooklyn, N.Y. has been accepted for the construction of a 4,000,000 gallon pump, the same to be set up in the new Pumping station and ready for operation by December 1<sup>st</sup> at a cost of \$11,800.00

Attached hereto and made a part of this report will be found a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the quarter, itemized, also showing totals for the five months from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A.C. Leitner:  
President.

#### Ledger Statement.

Aug. 31	Cash in Safe	\$ 316.51
	Borrowing Fund	
May 31	Balance as per last report	\$ 1,037.50
	Deposits, June, July & August	<u>2,025.7.08</u>

Less Warrants drawn June, July & Aug. 158.07.81 8,281.77

#### Operating Expenses.

##### Electrical Department.

May 31. Operating expenses April & May, per last report, 3441.62

Expense of diver	125.07
Phoenix Carbon Co. for carbons,	1561.70
Walter Sips	136.99
G.Wayne Electric Co.	113.45
General Electric Co.	373.33
Freight & Expressage	128.87
One Northrup	15.41
Geo. J. Pendleton	26.85
Memphis & St. Louis	37.00
W. H. Walker, H. C. Weller	50.00
Boston Electrical Supply Co.	63.16
Canadian Lumber Co.	65.21

## Water &amp; Light Commission

Wm Hirsch <sup>1200</sup>	Woolen & Sons <sup>15.00</sup>	27.00
Phoenix Glass Co.		17.00
Woodland Saint & Wall Paper Co.		16.60
O.P. Kinney <sup>2000</sup>	Brooks Oil Co. <sup>15.50</sup>	39.50
Central Refining Co.		13.50
Contingent Expenses		133.85
Miscellaneous "		68.00
Gas Bills		<u>3441.10</u>
Total		<u>6546.29</u>
		\$ 9986.91

## Water Department.

May 31 Operating Expenses April & May, per last report,	808.37
In Expense of River	
Prof. Northrup	225.08
Geo. F. Pendexter	15.41
Dearbrough & Hicks	26.85
Seagardens & Shumate	37.96
H. Wrennfield	25.31
Walter Sips <sup>2000</sup>	11.20
Muller Mfg Co. <sup>14.90</sup>	36.93
Statesman Publishing Co.	19.60
Central Refining Co.	13.50
Brooks Oil Co.	15.54
Freight and Expressage	16.34
Contingent Expenses	2441.30
Miscellaneous "	47.78
Gas Bills	<u>13.53</u>
Total	<u>5143.30</u>
	<u>2951.69</u>

## Offices.

May 31 Expenses April & May, as per last report,	652.78
Eugen von Boenmann Ent. Co. from Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Lander's Book Store	18.55
Contingent Expenses	8.85
Miscellaneous "	19.35
Gas Bills, (Including Clift. Salary.)	20.05
Total	<u>1541.70</u>
	<u>1668.00</u>
	<u>1320.78</u>

## Extensions to Plant.

## Electrical Department.

May 31 Extensions April & May, per last report,	4953.90
Walter Sips <sup>450.00</sup>	484.53
Look's Son <sup>34.55</sup>	166.00
Southwestern L. & G. Co. (Bills)	36.00
Bustin White Lime Co.	1050.00
St. Wayne Electric Co.	1000.00
Sidwell Lime Co. on Account Wheel	45.50
John Mc Donald & Sons	14.55
Rockwood Mfg. Co.	48.13
Commercial Electric Rubber Co.	120.90
General Electric Co. on account construction.	1140.11
Freight and Expressage	138.05
Gas Bills	

## Water Light Commission

Miscellaneous  
General Electric Co.  
Total

13.63  
81.96 6529.38  
11,483.28

## Water Department.

May 31 Extensions April & May, per last report,  
J. Johnson 26.15 E. M. Hendon 134.00

Walter Sipes 319.44 Webb Bros. 149.23

Miscellaneous

Total

150.75  
168.55  
24.50 646.80  
714.97

## New Pumping Station.

May 31 Amount Expended April & May, per last report

Hennes & Miller

O'Thomson 185.69 A. J. Gilmer 172.20

Waterson & Wallinger (Estimates 3 & 4)

Braden & Miller ( " " No 5 )

Stilwell & Pierce Co.

W. A. Bunker

Frank Nieman & Bros.

W. Sullivan 50.00 Freight 75.22

Walter Sipes 236.25 Pay rolls 901.20

Contingent 30.40 Miscellaneous 32.25

Total

12.00  
357.99  
7522.52  
906.07  
574.00  
71.66  
15.75  
125.22  
3263.55  
63.35 12947.11  
20,281.91

## Filtering Ditch

May 31 Amount Expended April & May per last report.

Frank Nieman & Brother

Braden & Miller (Estimates 3 & 4)

Calaisian Lumber Co.

Pay rolls.

Miscellaneous

Total

87.68  
600.00  
68.05  
437.65  
21.75 1210.13  
3923.83

## Meters.

May 31 Balance as per report

Meters bought June July & Aug.

" sold " " "

Total

141.90  
140.15 1.75  
12.15

## City of Austin

Cash in both funds with Treasurer April 1<sup>st</sup>

Receipts from Water

May 31 Receipts April & May as per last report

" for June

" " July

" " August

Total

Receipts from Light

May 31 Receipts April & May as per last report.

" for June

" " July

" " August

Total

4790.84  
2776.78  
2137.53 9705.15  
13,947.50

3403.70  
- 3027.60  
7507.56  
2243.05 1823.28  
11,226.08

## Water &amp; Light Commission

Receipts from Power.	
May 31 Receipts April & May as per last report	1537.80
Receipts for June	1177.84
" " July	1264.62
" " August	<u>563.87</u> <u>2251.33</u>
Total	H H 89.13

Note: (Rapid Transit Railroad power for August not yet due.)

## Meters:

May 31 Amount collected April & May as per last report	181.55
Collected in June	128.10
" " July	59.95
" " August	<u>44.65</u> <u>232.70</u>
Total.	414.25

Alderman Lawrence entered the Council Chamber.

## Reports of Standing Committees:

Claims & Accts. Com: report on Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom pet. of W. S. James for damages was referred the petition of W. S. James, Esq., for damages to buggy, to buggy presented their report, stating that Mr. James had agreed to reduce the amount of his claim from \$1500 to \$15.50, the actual cost of repairing the buggy, and that they would recommend that he be allowed this sum and that the City Clerk be directed to place that amount in the ordinance appropriating money to pay approved accounts. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Claims & Accts. Com: report on Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of J. P. Bailey for damages to buggy caused by horse falling through a hole in a bridge in South Austin, presented a report, recommending that the petition be granted and that the City Clerk be directed to place the amount (\$6.00) in the ordinance appropriating money to pay approved accounts, to pay this claim. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Claims & Accts. Com: report on Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of A. Scheifler, asking the Council to remit a part of his taxes, presented their report, recommending that the petition be not granted. The report of the Committee was adopted.

## Unfinished Business:

Ord. declaring the keeping of hogs in certain limits a misdemeanor. Read 3<sup>rd</sup> time. The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance declaring the keeping of hogs within certain limits in the City to be a misdemeanor and providing a penalty therefor.

The ordinance was read third time.

Amended by striking out West Alderman Robertson offered the following amendment: Amend by striking out the words "West Avenue", in lines 11 and 12, and insert instead "Shoal Creek" in lieu thereof the words "Shoal Creek".

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Ces, Aldermen Levin, Hutton, Fisher, Landse, Madden, Miller, Millicher, M. M. Gandy, C. E. D. Gardner, Schneiger, Shiley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend, W. L. Tays; Aldermen Fischer, Foyers and Rosengren 3.

Carrying over to next session, all members of the Legislature, all members of the Board of Education, etc.

Sec. 2 of Ord. amended, so as to have Ord. take effect from and after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1898 Alderman Lawless moved to amend section 2 of the ordinance, providing that the ordinance take effect from and after January 1<sup>st</sup> 1898.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yes, Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Clapp, Lawless, Miller, Kilches, Blatt, Powell, Redd, Rogengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stimpf and Townsend 14  
No, Aldermen Delvin, Maddox, Roberson and Taylor 11.

Alderman Maddox moved that the ordinance be re-committed to the Committee on Sanitation and Beverage. The amendment was lost.

City Physician Gruve, Recorder Carlton and Supt. of Streets Sawyer granted leave of absence. Upon motion leave of absence was granted City Physician Gruve for the balance of this week; and to Recorder Carlton from September 14<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> and Street Commissioner Sawyer for two weeks.

On motion the Council adjourned

*Ez. C. Johnson*  
City Clerk.